THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) The total Hospitality Grant of Government of India for the financial year 1992-93 is Rs. 4,85,00,000/- (Rupees four crores eighty five lakhs only).

(b) The Hospitality Grant covers expenditure incurred on:

(i) Visits of Foreign Heads of Governments/Head of States and other officials and dignitaries who are guests of the Government of India. This includes expenditure on board, lodging, local transport, internal travel and route decoration by the CPWD.

(ii) Banquets, lunches and related entertainment for visiting dignitaries and officials.

(iii) Entertainment and catering for VVIPs calling on the Prime Minister as also inflight catering during PMs internal air travel.

(iv) Maintenance of State Guest House at Hyderabad House.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) An increase of 18.5 per cent over the current budget has been sought for the financial year 1993-94.

Pilgrimage to Manasarover in China

4127. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilgrims who have travelled to Manasarover in China during 1992-93;

(b) what is the procedure to give permission for travel to Manasarover;

(c) what are the facilities accorded to Members of Parliament for travel to Manasarover; and

(d) what are the difficulties faced by travellers to Mansarover?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) The number of pilgrims who travelled to Mansarovar in China in 1992-93 was 233.

(b) and (c) Government invites applications from all Indian nationals, including Members of Parliament interested in undertaking the Kailash-Mansarovar yatra. Selection is basically made on a lottery basis, since the number of applications received each year is far in excess of the number of berths available.

(d) Some travellers to Kailash-Mansarovar have asked for improvements in transportation, boarding and lodging in Tibet, which are not matters under our control.

Pakistan's ISI to start Civil War in India

4128. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence propose to start a civil war in India as reported in the Indian Express dated the 16th March, 1993;

(b) if so, whether the Government have since contemplated any measures to defuse the activities of Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to take up the issue in UN; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (c) Government have seen the Press report in this regard. Government is fully vigilant to counter destablisation efforts instigated from inside or outside the country.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

4129. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of travellers and pilgrims who have travelled to Tibet region of China;

(b) whether some of the pilgrims face any difficulty while in Tibet; if so, the details thereof;